

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-25 (Canceled).

26. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a laundry detergent article ~~consisting essentially of~~ comprising:

a) preparing a detergent formulation comprising components in a slurry, said ~~slurry~~ components comprising amphoteric, nonionic or anionic surfactants, and a builder, wherein said slurry has a viscosity ~~in a range that permits coating a substrate ranging from 4500 to 9000 cps,~~ wherein each of said components in the detergent formulation has a particle size ranging from about 1 to about 200 microns;

b) applying, in a single step process, said detergent formulation to a needlepunched, nonwoven substrate comprising fibers having a melting point of approximately 300°F or greater; and

c) drying said detergent formulation and substrate until it forms said laundry detergent article that is dry to the touch and which does not substantially transfer detergent to other surfaces or to the skin when handled.

27. (Original) The process of claim 26, wherein said substrate is supported in a horizontal and flat position while said substrate and detergent formulation dry.

28. (Original) The process of claim 26, wherein said detergent formulation is applied by coating equipment, a slot applicator, printing equipment, padding equipment, or spraying equipment.

29. (Original) The process of claim 26, wherein said drying occurs on a supporting device selected from a roller, a belt, a clip or pin frame.

30. (Original) The process of claim 26, wherein said drying is accomplished by vacuum extraction, radiant energy having a wavelength longer than ultraviolet, or convection drying.

31. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 28, wherein said slurry is applied to achieve from 36 to 42 ounces per square yard of wet coating.

32. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 26, wherein said detergent formulation further comprises at least one component chosen from a complexing agent, an alkaline source, an optical brightener, an electrolyte, a foam stabilizer, a fragrance, a color enhancer, a biocide, a corrosion inhibitor, a soil anti-redeposition agent, an encrustation preventer, a fabric softener, an oxidizing agent, an enzyme, and a dye transfer inhibition agent.

33. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 26, wherein said surfactant comprises at least one component chosen from a linear primary alcohol ethoxy sulfate, a linear alkyl benzene sulfonate, an alcohol sulfate, a sodium or potassium salt of a long chain fatty acid, a secondary alkane sulfonate, an α -olefin sulfonate, a cocoamphocarboxylpropionate, and a methylester sulfonate.

34. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 26, wherein said nonionic surfactant is an alcohol ethoxylate, an alkylphenol ethoxylate, an

ethyleneoxide/propyleneoxide block copolymer, an alkyl polyglycoside, an alkanolamide, an amine ethoxylate, or an amine oxide.

35. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 26, wherein said anionic surfactant is a alkylated sulfonated diphenyl oxide disodium salt or a dioctyl sulfosuccinamate.

36. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 26, wherein said needlepunched, nonwoven substrate is a polyester material.

37. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 26, wherein said builder is a borate, a phosphate, a polyphosphate, a silicate, a carbonate, a citrate, an ethylenediaminetetracetate, or a nitrilotriacetate.

38. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 37, wherein said builder is a zeolite.

39. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 32, wherein said optical brightener comprises bistriazinyl aminostilbene.

40. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 26, wherein said alkaline source is sodium carbonate, sodium silicate, a polymethacrylate, or a methacrylate maleic anhydride copolymer.

41. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 32, wherein said electrolyte is sodium carbonate.

42. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 32, wherein said foam stabilizer is an alkanolamide, an amine oxide, or a dioctylsulfosuccinamate.

43. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 32, wherein said biocide is sodium omadine.

44. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 32, wherein said corrosion inhibitor is a sodium silicate or a sodium polysilicate.

45. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 32, wherein said soil anti-redeposition agent is an isobutylene/maleic anhydride copolymer sodium salt, sodium polyacrylate, sodium polymaleic acid/olefin, sodium polyacrylic acid maleic acid salt, or a sodium polymethacrylate.

46. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 32, wherein said fabric softener is a quaternary ammonium compound.

47. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 46, wherein said quaternary ammonium compound further contains at least one polyethoxy or polypropoxy side chain sufficient to keep a 1% solution of the quaternary ammonium compounds soluble in water at approximately 25°C.

48. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 26, wherein said detergent formulation comprises a sodium salt of a dodecyl benzene sulfonic acid, an alkylated sulfonated diphenyl oxide disodium salt, a zeolite, a bistriazinylaminostilbene, sodium carbonate, an amine oxide or an alkanol amine, a sodium silicate or sodium polysilicate, an isobutylene/maleic anhydride copolymer or a sodium polymethacrylate, and a quaternary ammonium compound.

49. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 48, wherein said quaternary ammonium compound has at least one polyethoxy or polypropoxy side chain sufficient to keep a 1% solution of the quaternary ammonium compounds soluble in water at about 25°C.

50. (Previously Presented) A laundry detergent article made by the
process of claim 26.

51. (Previously Presented) A laundry detergent article made by the
process of claim 32.

52. (Previously Presented) A laundry detergent article made by the
process of claim 48.

Claims 53-54 (Canceled)